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AMEMBASSY RABAT

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SUBJ: GOP CREATES COMMISSION TO AID PORTUGUESE
FORCED TO LEAVE ZAIRE AND MOROCCO

REF: LISBON 0530 NOTAL

1. DURING MARCH 6 SESSION CABINET CONSIDERED
SITUATION OF PORTUGUESE IN ZAIRE AND MOROCCO WHOSE
PROPERTY NATIONALIZED AND WHO FORCED TO LEAVE. ACCORD-
ING USUAL BRIEF COMMUNIQUE, CABINET DECIDED CREATE COMMITTEE
TO DECIDE WHAT GOVERNMENTAL RELIEF MEASURES WILL BE
PROVIDED THESE REFUGEES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
RETURN TO PORTUGAL. NO FIGURES PROVIDED ON NUMBER OF
REFUGEES, NOR COMPOSITION OR POWERS OF COMMITTEE.

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2. LISBON MORNING PRESS OF MARCH 7 GAVE FRONT PAGE

HEAYNDPTS TO REFUGEE PROBLEM, GENERALLY FOREGOING
EDITORIAL COMMENT, EXCEPT FOR RIGHTWING EPOCA, WHICH
ASSERTS REFUGEE "HORDES" ARE VICTIMS OF PERVERSE
RACISM CREATED AND SUPPORTED BY ANTI-WESTERN IMPERIALISTS.

3. DIAIRO DE NOTICIAS OF MARCH 8 CLAIMS SEVERAL THOUSAND
PORTUGUESE, SNICE MARCH 1, HAVE BEEN DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR
PROPERTY IN ZAIRE. PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMEN INFORMED BY
GOZ OF NAMES OF NEW ZAIREAN OWNERS, WHO, SAYS PAPER,
MUST COMPENSATE PORTUGUESE OWNER IN TEN YEARS, AND ONLY
IF STATE OF FIRM'S BUSINESS SO PERMITS. MEANWHILE,
ASSERTS PAPER, PORTUGUESE FORCED CONTINUE RUN THEIR
NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES UNTIL ZAIREANS CAN ASSUME CONTROL.
THIS, CLAIMS PAPER, IS TANTAMOUNT TO SLAVERY.

4. COMMENT: WHILE MUCH HAS BEEN SAID IN LOCAL PRESS
REGARDING REFUGEES IN ZAIRE, THIS IS FIRST REFERENCE
TO PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM MOROCCO. WOULD
APPRECIATE RABAT'S COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT.
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